


DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller 

17 November 1965

1. I met twice with Bud Wheelon and [ ] to discuss Agency R&D. We now have a draft paper which I believe we should present to Mr. Helms to see if he is willing to go along with the principles stated therein. I undertook to arrange this meeting before talking to the Director.

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2. Messrs. Norman Colb and P. Henry Poehler, Chairman of the Board and President of the Vienna Trust Company, respectively, called on me to discuss their interest in establishing a branch bank in our Headquarters building or on our property. Bob Bannerman sat in. We advised these gentlemen that at the moment we are not interested in a bank but that, should we ever become interested, they could be assured that the Vienna Trust Company and other interested banks would be given equal consideration.

3. [ ] and I met with the Director and Mr. Helms to seek guidance on how we should respond to the Bureau of the Budget's request for details in support of our [ ] lower priority list. The Director spent a good deal of time discussing his philosophy about how the civic action program in Vietnam should be carried on. This can be summarized as follows: First, he felt that

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remained as to how to handle the rest. It was agreed that we would show the BOB representatives our list and would take the position that if we had to make these reductions today, the list represents the actions we would take. However, we desire to retain maximum flexibility and the right to change our minds, taking the reductions in some other area if we think it more appropriate. Frank and Dick were requested to proceed with the BOB representatives in accordance with this guidance. The Director also asked me to get in touch with

Bill Colby, who is preparing a Vietnam paper for 303 Committee consideration. He asked that Bill expedite this paper with a view to sending it to the 303 Committee members and polling them by telephone for approval without waiting for the next regular meeting. (I have done this.)

4. I telephoned Lieutenant General Jimmy Woolnough, Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, an old friend, to seek some guidance on how we could best commend an Army officer for outstanding support rendered the Agency. (The case in question is [redacted] and MMPD had advised that the Army had no way to handle a classified, written commendation.) Jimmy Woolnough confirmed that they would not put a classified communication in the regular personnel file. He assured me, however, that a classified communication could be addressed either to him or to Jack Davis, Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, and that either of them would ensure that the regular jacket is flagged to call attention to the fact that there is classified material which promotion boards or other appropriate bodies should consider.

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5. Bob Fuchs discussed with me an accounting for an advance submitted by Walt Elder for the Director's imprest fund about which he had some questions, specifically \$183 for [redacted]. I agreed to discuss this with Walt. We then had a general discussion about the details of accounting for expenditures from this fund which should be submitted to the Office of Finance. I told Bob that it was my view that the purposes for which this money was spent should be as fully documented as expenditures from any other fund. However, I would prefer that the minimum number of Finance people see these detailed accountings, and to this end I thought they should not be sent to the Office of Finance but kept in the Office of the Director and made available to the Office of Finance auditors periodically. He indicated that this would be a perfectly satisfactory arrangement as far as he was concerned. I asked him to prepare an appropriate paper for my signature along these lines.

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